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Attorney Docket No. MBHB00-581

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

1. Transmittal Form (without Fee)
2. Specification (including claims and abstract) [46 Total Pages]
3. Drawings [20 Total Sheets]
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 - a. Newly executed
 - b. Copy from prior application
[Note Boxes 5 and 17 below]
 - i. Deletion of Inventor(s) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
5. Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Computer Code Listing (See 1.96)
 - a. Microfiche Appendix
 - b. CD-Rom (in duplicate, with separate transmittal)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
 - a. Computer Readable Copy
 - b. Paper Copy
 - c. Statement verifying above copies
8. Small Entity Status
 - is claimed
 - Statement filed in prior application; status still proper and desired
 - is no longer claimed.

18. This is a CONTINUING APPLICATION. Please note the following:

- a. This is a Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part of prior application
- b. Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one claim must remain.)
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APPLICATION FEES

BASIC FEE			\$ 710.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	91-20=	71	x \$18.00	\$1278
Independent Claims	8 - 3=	5	x \$80.00	\$ 400
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claims(s) if applicable			+\$270.00	\$
			Total of above calculations =	\$ 2388
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			TOTAL =	\$ 1194

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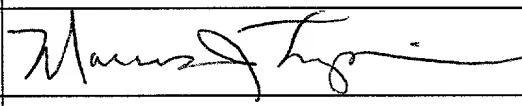
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I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not been and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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